

ITEP Workplan/Scope of Work

RTOC Tribal Caucus Meeting

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Introduction

Mission: "ITEP was established in 1992 with a vision to assist Indian Tribes in the management of their environmental resources through effective training and education programs."

Introduction

Goals:

- ◆ Develop ITEP into a multimedia training and education program for tribes.
- ◆ Diversify ITEP's funding base.
- ◆ Develop an international reputation as an environmental training and education resource for indigenous people everywhere.

Workplan Elements

- ITEP has four major tasks:
 1. AIAQTP Workshops
 2. TAMS Center
 3. Professional Assistance
 4. Internships
- ITEP does not include EEOP
 - ◆ EEOP is a competitive activity
 - ◆ Awarded to NAU in 2005

Workplan Elements

- **AIAQTP Workshops**
 - ◆ ~20 workshops/year (menu decided annually)
 - ✦ Over 200 attendees/year
 - ✦ Located throughout Indian country
 - ✦ Tribal presenters
 - ✦ 3 on-line courses available
 - ◆ Topics
 - ✦ Intro to AQ
 - ✦ Outreach
 - ✦ Management
 - ✦ AQ and Community Health
 - ✦ CAA and Permitting
 - ✦ New Source Review

Workplan Elements

■ TAMS Center

- ✦ partnership with EPA
- ✦ Co-Directors and shared space
- ✦ Both parties provide funding and staff

◆ Workshops

- ✦ 5 – 7 per year
- ✦ 60 attendees
- ✦ Topics
 - Technical courses in monitoring activities
 - Same features as other ITEP workshops
 - Technology, ecosystems, data toolbox, AQS

◆ Individualized Training and Technical Support

- ✦ To meet specific needs and requests
- ✦ Available at TAMS Center or on-site
 - Monitor calibration and verification
 - Instrument preparation and set-up
 - QA/QC, Turbo-QAPP
 - Indoor air, toxics, radiation monitors

Workplan Elements

■ TAMS Center

- ◆ Particulate Matter Filter Weighing
 - ✦ Funded by EPA
 - ✦ Roughly 9 tribes participating
 - ✦ PM 2.5 and PM10
 - ✦ Also procedures, shipment, chain-of-custody, data
- ◆ TAMS Clearinghouse
 - ✦ Resource Information Clearinghouse
 - On-line database searchable for documents
- ◆ APDLN site
 - ✦ Maintain a library of materials available to tribes
- ◆ Coordinate On-site assistance
 - ✦ Assist tribes in contacting specialized contractors
- ◆ TAMS Steering Committee
 - ✦ Provides tribal guidance to Center activities
- ◆ Coordinate with EPA, support ITEP workshops,

Workplan Elements

■ Professional Assistance

- ✦ One-on-one topic specific assistance to tribes
- ✦ More than 350 requests met
- ✦ Links to all ITEP programs

◆ Website

- ✦ www4.nau.edu/itep/index.asp
- ✦ Links to programs, staff, phone numbers, links

◆ TERC

- ✦ Encourages phone and e-mail inquiries
- ✦ Technical and non-technical assistance provided
- ✦ Solicit assistance from tribes, EPA and others

◆ Mentoring/Internships

- ✦ Provides one-on-one training on individual needs
- ✦ Can be arranged at a variety of locations
- ✦ Eight per year
- ✦ For up to five days as needed

Workplan Elements

- ◆ Reference Documents Library
 - ✦ Maintain library for use by all tribes
 - ✦ Searchable through on-line database
 - ✦ Grant applications, project plans, technical reports, training workshop materials, EPA guidance
- ◆ Newsletter
 - ✦ Publishes “Native Voices” quarterly
 - ✦ Editorials and articles on AQM
 - ✦ Discuss environmental issues
 - ✦ Highlight training and support efforts
- ◆ National Meetings
 - ✦ Annual National Tribal Forum
 - ✦ Focus on current AQ issues, discussion and interaction
 - ✦ Include diverse parties from public and private sectors
 - ✦ Located to encourage tribal participation
 - ✦ Stipends available

Workplan Elements

■ Internship Programs

- ✦ Includes Tribal Professionals and college students
- ✦ Develop professional skills
- ✦ Enhance career opportunities

◆ Student Internships

- ✦ Summer programs for undergraduate students last 10 weeks
- ✦ Provide work experience/professional development
- ✦ National search for 8 interns annually
- ✦ Stipend and housing allowance provided

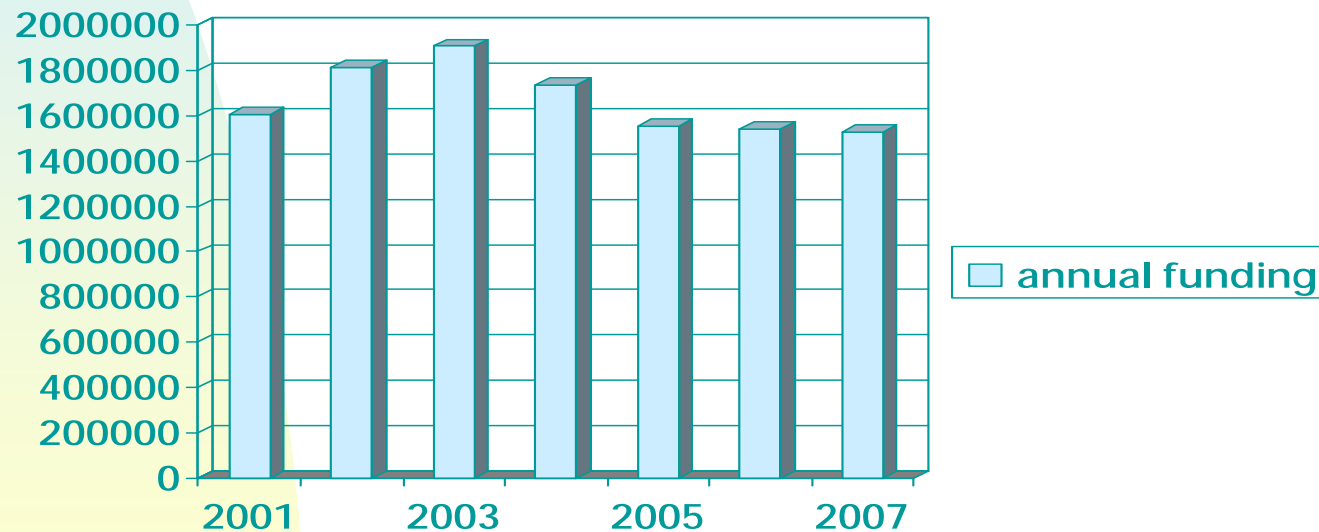
Funding

■ Current Agreement

- ♦ ITEP successfully competed under new EPA rules in 2004
- ♦ Awarded a cooperative agreement 2005 – 2010

◆ Costs

- ♦ Average workshops cost \$45K



Summary

Other elements:

- ◆ Recently hired Cal Seciwa (Zuni) as new Director
- ◆ Work includes solid waste, enforcement and inspections, water and Alaska programs
- ◆ Model for CCHREI

Summary

- Last year's budget meetings indicated strong tribal support for ITEP's activities
- Repeatedly get positive feedback from tribes
- Current workplan continues through 2010

Summary

- ◆ Any questions?

